

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Grain Car Council

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1. Department or Agency

Surface Transportation Board

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Grain Car Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

1953

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

09/20/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

09/20/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Establishment of National Grain Car Council, Ex Parte 519 (Sub-No. 1), 59 Fed. Reg. 60828, 64433

13. Effective Date

12/29/1995

14. Committee Type

Continuing No

14c. Presidential?

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18c. Other (rents, user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)

\$0.00 \$0.00

18d. Total

\$0.00 \$0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The NGCC functions under the auspices of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to address grain car supply and grain transportation issues. The STB has statutory authority to ensure that rail carriers provide adequate service and car supply to meet the demands of customers. However, the STB believes that these goals can be advanced when shippers and receivers, railroads, and car owners and suppliers work together to craft market-based solutions. Through the NGCC, these private parties come together for discussions that facilitate private sector solutions to ensure that rail carriers provide the facilities and equipment necessary to reasonably meet demand. Because grain is a major commodity for domestic and export markets, and is a major source of revenue for the railroads, members are encouraged to find workable solutions for improving grain car supply and utilization. Promoting a full understanding of the issues that each membership sector faces enhances the opportunity for reaching private sector solutions.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

At a minimum, NGCC membership is composed of 14 representatives of the Class I railroads, 7 representatives of the Class II and Class III railroads, 14 representatives of grain shippers and receivers, and 6 representatives of private rail-car owners and rail-car manufacturers and suppliers.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The NGCC charter directs the Council to meet no less than once a year. Because of the cyclical nature of the demand for grain transportation, the timing of the annual meeting is intended to predate the anticipated peak demand period by several weeks to ensure that the industry is prepared to address demand issues as well as potential problems. The NGCC provides a forum for grain-transportation stakeholders to discuss and resolve potential problems concerning rail transportation of grain. The annual meeting is typically held at a location in the Midwestern United States rather than in Washington, DC to maximize public participation by industry stakeholders.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Congress has long emphasized the need to reduce the regulatory burden. The NGCC serves that purpose by allowing the parties involved in the transportation of grain to engage in discussions that may lead to private sector solutions. Historically, the agency has been called upon to address car-supply issues through hearings and regulatory decisions. However, the forum established by the creation of the NGCC allows

grain-transportation stakeholders to resolve certain important issues with minimal public and private cost. The NGCC continues to have the active support of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service and Transportation Services Divisions, as well as the support of the STB.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The annual meetings consist of short verbal presentations by members on the preparedness of their companies for the upcoming major grain harvest and/or presentations by knowledgeable speakers pertaining to the upcoming harvest. STB Board Members in attendance receive these updates and can then better anticipate rail-car supply and rail-service problems, before they happen each year. No written reports, other than meeting minutes, are typically generated.

Designated Federal Officer

Alfred (Fred) E. Forstall Transportation Industry Analyst

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Begeman, Ann	01/01/2012	12/31/2020	Acting Chairman, US Surface Transportation Board	Ex Officio Member
Bilovesky, Mike	09/01/2011	08/31/2019	Kansas City Southern Railroad	Representative Member
Clark, Sharon	09/01/2011	08/31/2019	Perdue Agribusiness LLC.	Representative Member
Evans, Carrie	09/01/2012	08/31/2018	Iowa Interstate Railroad	Representative Member
Farmer, Jarad	09/01/2013	08/31/2019	Canadian Pacific	Representative Member
Finch, Rob	09/01/2017	08/31/2019	CSX Transportation	Representative Member
Fray, Roger	09/01/2013	08/31/2019	West Central Cooperative	Representative Member
Gilbert, Dan	09/01/2016	08/31/2018	Purina Animal Nutrition LLC	Representative Member
Glynn, John	09/01/2013	08/31/2019	CIT Rail	Representative Member
Groskreutz, Brian	09/01/2013	08/31/2019	NIK Marketing Cooperative	Representative Member
Guthrie, Gregory	09/01/2011	08/31/2019	BNSF Railway	Representative Member
Haeg, Michael	09/01/2012	08/31/2018	Rio Grande Pacific Corporation	Representative Member
Hamilton, Murray	09/01/2017	08/31/2019	Canadian Pacific	Representative Member
Hansen, Dana	09/01/2014	08/31/2018	Archer Daniels Midland	Representative Member
Hartmann, Daniel	09/01/2015	08/31/2019	Union Pacific Railroad	Representative Member
Hildebrand, Brad	09/01/2011	08/31/2019	Cargill AgHorizons	Representative Member
Huston, Mark	09/01/2011	08/31/2019	Louis Dreyfus Commodities	Representative Member
Jones, Michael	09/01/2012	08/31/2018	North Dakota Mill & Elevator Association	Representative Member
Kahn, Todd	09/01/2014	08/31/2018	Chicago Freight Car Leasing Co.	Representative Member
Kroese, Bruce	08/31/2017	08/31/2019	Union Pacific	Representative Member
Lawrence, Karol	08/31/2016	08/31/2018	Norfolk Southern	Representative Member
Lewis, Jim	09/01/2017	08/31/2019	Montana Rail Link	Representative Member
McDermott, Terry	09/01/2015	08/31/2019	Bunge	Representative Member
McGraw, Thomas	09/01/2012	08/31/2018	Citigroup Global Markets Inc	Representative Member
McNulty, Timothy	09/01/2011	08/31/2019	CSX Transportation	Representative Member
Miller, Deb	01/01/2013	12/31/2017	Vice Chairman, US Surface Transportation Board	Ex Officio Member
Nuelle, Todd	09/01/2016	08/31/2018	Canadian National	Representative Member

Petry, Judy	09/01/2017	08/31/2019	Farmrail System	Representative Member
Pope, David	09/01/2011	08/31/2019	CHS Incorporated	Representative Member
Powell, Micah	09/01/2014	08/31/2018	Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern	Representative Member
Przednowek, David	09/01/2016	08/31/2018	Canadian National	Representative Member
Sabin, Daniel	09/01/2012	08/31/2018	Iowa Northern Railway Company	Representative Member
Sawyer, Dean	09/01/2017	08/31/2019	American Railcar Industries	Representative Member
Schueth, Daniel	09/01/2017	08/31/2019	Kansas City Southern	Representative Member
Simonc, Pat	09/01/2016	08/31/2018	Norfolk Southern	Representative Member
Sims, Ed	10/01/2010	08/31/2018	The Andersons, Inc.	Representative Member
Stoa, Scot	09/01/2016	08/31/2018	BNSF	Representative Member
Story, Doug	09/01/2013	08/31/2019	Watco Transportation Services	Representative Member
Sutherland, Bruce	09/01/2017	08/31/2019	Michigan Agricultural Commodities	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Threlkeld, Charlie	09/01/2017	08/31/2019	CGB Enterprises Inc	Representative Member
Twist, Gregory	09/01/2009	08/31/2019	Ag Processing, Inc.	Representative Member
Van Cleave, Mark	09/01/2011	08/31/2019	Trinity Rail Inc.	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 42

Narrative Description

Among the goals of the Surface Transportation Board is the promotion of efficient rail transportation. The NGCC provides a forum in which grain-transportation stakeholders can address issues and problems related to the rail transportation of grain.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The council supplies the STB with critical information about U.S. grain markets and the ability of the U.S. railroad system to meet demand.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

NGCC verbally identifies problems and facilitates private sector solutions through the discussions at its annual meeting. The NGCC has made no recommendations to the STB.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

N/A

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

N/A

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

N/A